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Applicant: A.T. Yaung Examiner: Trong Nhan P. Nguyen
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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SELECTING ONE USER TO
ASSIGN A WORK ITEM IN A WORKFLOW

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED CONCURRENTLY WITH
A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted in the above case and in response to a final office action dated June 17, 2005 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected all pending claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants further submit with the RCE and Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and request review of the references cited in the IDS submitted with the RCE.

Applicants held a phone interview with the Examiner on August 25, 2005 discussing the rejection and amendments to the claims. The Examiner indicated that the discussed amendments would likely distinguish over the cited art. Applicants made the discussed amendments to the independent claims. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections with respect to the amended claims and submit that all pending claims 1-42 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amdt. dated September 19, 2005
Reply to Office action of June 17, 2005

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

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